Raising of Guarantee amount for PCOs.

1606. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the minimum amount of guarantee in respect of private guaranteed CCB PCOs has been raised from Rs. 100 to Rs. 500 per month from 1st September, 1986.

(b) If so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to lower the increased amount, as public telephones are a source of social service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. Only in Bombay Telephones for private Guaranteed CCB PCOs at nonresidential premises.

(b) Bombay has a very high waiting list and shortage of telephones. The PCOs are a means to make the facility available to the public but in respect of the guaranteed PCOs at non-residential private premises, in some cases a tendency for free access to the members of the public being not available has been noticed. It was, therefore, felt that increase in guarantee money would stimulate greater accessability.

(c) No, Sir.

Communal Clashes

1607 SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of, HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places where communal clashes took place in the recent weeks: and

(b)' whether the causes of these clashes have been investigated and any remedial measures taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Attention in this connection is invited to the reply tendered in respect of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 399 on 6th November, 1986.

Associations receiving Foreign Funds

1608. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

. (a) whether it is a fact that a number of associations in the country receiving foreign funds for their religious, social and educational activities have been indulging in activities prejudicial to country's interests;

(b) if so, what are the names <# such associations, the countries from these associations receive funds stating the annual amount received by each of the associations during 1985 and 1986 till date and the nature of the activities other than those for which funds are received are being carried out by them; and

(c) the manner in which Govern ment proposes to deal with the situa tion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No such case has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Purchase of Super Computers from US

1609. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether India propose to buy super computers from the United States;.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India is acquiring high-speed computers to track the global weather patterns that create the monsoon rains; and

(d) if so, what are the salient features of these computers and what is the estimated amount of foreign exchange involved in acquiring them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c)' A letter of intent has already been placed for the CRAY XMP/24 Super Computer System. This computer system will be used for the coordinated programme of medium range weather research and forecasting.

(d) The CRAY XMP/24 is a super computer with a speed of approximately 800 M FLOPS (Million Floating Point Operations per second) 9600 Mega bytes of disc space and 32 Mega bytes of main memory. The approximate cost of the system is. 11 million dollars.

कार्यक्रमों का हिन्दी में प्रसारण

1610. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सिर्फ अंग्रेजी में प्रसारित होने वाले कार्यक्रम कौन-कौन से हैं और इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार राजभाषा के प्रचार के लिए इन कार्यक्रमों का हिन्दी में भी प्रसारण करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि हिन्दी में समाचार देने वाली दो समाचार एजेंसियों को बन्द कर दिया गया है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) : (क) और (ख) ऐसा कोई कार्यक्रम नहीं है जो अनन्य रूप से अंग्रेजी में ही प्रसारित किया जाता हो । कार्यक्रमों को हिन्दी अंग्रेजी तथा क्षेत्रीय भाषा (ओं) बोली (यों) में प्रसारित किया जाता है । आकाशवाणी केन्द्र बुनियादी रुप से अपने-अपने सेवा क्षेत्र की भाषा (ओं) बोली (यों) में कार्यक्रम प्रसारित करते हैं । आकाशवाणी द्वारा राष्ट्रीय संजाल में कार्यक्रम हमेशा हिन्दी और अंग्रेजी में प्रसारित किए जाते हैं । वार्ताओं, रूपकों, सामयिक मामलों, स्पाट लाइट इत्यादि के राष्ट्रीय कार्यक्रमों जैसे राष्ट्रीय कायक्रमों को अंग्रेजी और हिन्दी में साथ साथ प्रसारित किया जाता है ।

(ग) दो हिन्दी समाचार एजेंसयों को बन्द करने का सरकार ने कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया । वस्तुत: यह ऐसा करने की स्थिति में नहीं है, क्योंकि प्रेस की स्वतन्त्रता के प्रति अपनी दृढ़ प्रतिबद्धता के अनुकरण में यह समाचार पत्रों तथा समाचार एजेंसियों के आंतरिक कार्य संचालन में हस्तक्षेप नहीं करना चाहेगी । तथापि, भाषाई समाचार पत्रों के प्रमुख संपादकों तथा मालिकों ने इस बात को स्वीकार किया है कि ये दो समाचार एजेंसियाँ पिछले वर्ष लगभग निष्क्रिय हो गई थीं तथा फिर से काम करने की स्थिति में नहीं रही थीं ।

Persons below Poverty Line in U. P.

1611. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is thTnumber of persons below poverty line in Uttar Pradesh as at the beginning of the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) the number of persons brought above the poverty line during the last two years?,